

October 20, 2014

RECEIVED
CITY CLERK
C & C OF HONOLULU

RECEIVED

Dear City Council Members:

2014 OCT 20 AM 10:03

2014 OCT 20 A 9:56

I am commenting on the Report of the Real Property Tax Advisory Commission for October 2014.

CITY COUNCIL
HONOLULU, HAWAII

I appreciate and agree with most of the recommendations submitted by the Commission. They have done a lot of work and have submitted intelligent and fiscally sound suggestions. They have reviewed several loopholes in the law and have invoked a sense of fairness in their report.

I am a homeowner caught in the Residential A classification solely because my home is owned by my corporation. Unfortunately, it cannot be transferred to my name without significant financial hardship so I am caught with the tax burden. In reviewing the recommendations, it made me feel as though the increase in taxes would be distributed more fairly and would include several groups who have escaped fair tax rates for many years.

Regarding recommendation 4.4, Transient Use Class: I live on a lovely street with 18 homes, 5 of which have transient rentals. Although they may submit TAT they are able to recoup most of that tax through their rent. They are businesses operating in a family neighborhood without any restraints and I feel the property should be taxed at the same rate as the Residential A classification.

I am a retired bookkeeper and am willing to volunteer my time and knowledge to help enforce any of these recommendations. I appreciate your consideration.

Linda Opple
61 Wilikoki Place
Kailua, HI 96734
808-261-7363
ljopple@gmail.com

MISC. COM. 2525

RPTAC